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Brief Summary of Selected Substantive Portions of this Response

[0001] In a telephone discussion on 26 January 2009, the Examiner and the undersigned attorney discussed aspects of the application's claims not taught by the prior art of record. In particular, proposed claim amendments were discussed. The amendments presented herein based on the discussion with the Examiner.